Deaths in Fake Police Encounters

2214. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a spurt in the number of people being killed in police encounters, recently;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of people killed in police encounters during the last five years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of such encounters are fake and it reflects failure of police in arresting criminals alive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Law and order in States

2215. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the law and order situation in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise;

(c) whether law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir and in some North Eastern States is deteriorating; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to restore normalcy in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects, and therefore maintenance of law and order is the primary responsibility of the concerned State Governmetns. However, the Central Government reviews the law and order situation from time to time, with the State Governments. Despite some areas of concern, the law and order situation in the country is under control. The major concerns centre around Pak sponsored terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, interlinked and externally supported subversive activities of militant groups in the North-East and the violence perpetrated by the Left Wing extremist groups.

With a view to tackling the problem and improving the situation in Jammu & Kashmir as well as in the North-East, Government have taken a number of steps. This includes, inter-alia, strengthening the border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery and sharing of intelligence among concerned agencies, greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operations Groups and Coordination Groups at all levels, deployment of units of Central Para Miliatry Forces and Army, modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, reimbursement of security Related

Expenditure to the State Governments, raising of India Reserve Battalions, sanction of Special Central Assistance, declaration of more seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' and notification of certain insurgent/militant groups as 'unlawful association'.

Investigation into Smack Scandal in Tri Nagar

†2216. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Secretary, Home, Delhi Administration had requested the Ministry of Home Affairs, vide his letter No. 3/92/90-HP) Estt. 3151, dated 16th may, 1996, to take necessary action against the guilty Police Officers with regard to Tri Nagar Smack Scandal;

(b) if so, the details of action taken/being taken by the Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether an Inspector of the Crime Branch of Delhi Police had conducted the investigation; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi had vide their letter dated 16th May, 1996 forwarded to the Government for appropriate action a copy of the investigation report prepared by an Inspector of Crime Branch of Delhi Police in the matter of allegation that an informer in a case of drug trafficking was deprived of his reward money. The Crime Branch of Delhi Police had in their said report indicated that the enquiry conducted into the case did not substantiate the allegations made. It was, however, recommended that the matter be referred for legal opinion view of contradicting reports on the subject. The matter was duly considered and a request was made by the Government to Central Bureau of Investigation to take up the investigation took the view that it was not a fit case for futher investigation after a lapse of over seven years, particularly as the police officer who had made the seizure of the drugs had already expired.

Tamil Nadu CM's Support for LTTE Cause

2217. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has recently supported the cause for which LTTE is fighting in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Information from the State Government is awaited.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.